

Yellowstone Compact		Agency/Program #: 5706-24-I1
		Division: Water
		Program:
Agency Name:	Department of Natural Resources and Conservation	
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Program or Project Description:

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Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				
Fund Name:	2008		2009	
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended
General Fund	119,602		113,794	
State Special				
Federal Funds				
Total:	\$119,602	\$0	\$113,794	\$0

Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of August 29, 2008

Goal(s):

To coordinate technical work on behalf of the State of Montana associated with litigation in front of the U.S. Supreme Court on the interpretation and administration of the Yellowstone Compact.

Performance Measures :

1. Hire a surface water hydrologist.
2. Provide needed technical assistance to the Attorney General and staff.
3. Develop the technical data on historical irrigation and depletions in Montana and Wyoming as of 1950 and compare with today's level of irrigation and consumptive uses in both states.
4. Develop appropriate monitoring systems for Montana/Wyoming watersheds.
5. Develop hydrologic water accounting models for both the Powder and Tongue River systems dealing with water supplies and historical and contemporary uses.
6. Complete needed field work to calibrate the hydrologic models.
7. Share information with Wyoming to develop common and agreed upon data base.
8. Begin helping basin water users improve basin-wide water management and the reduction of water shortages.

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:		Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
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Performance Report:

- Surface Water Hydrologist was hired Oct 2007.
- Technical assistance to Attorney General and staff is ongoing starting in 2007.
- Technical data collection on historical irrigation and depletion was initiated in spring 2008.
- Monitoring system developed for watersheds, implementation in progress.
- Ongoing work to develop accounting models performed in cooperation with AG's consultants.
- Ongoing work to calibrate hydrologic models being performed in cooperation with AG's consultants.
- [Share information with Wyoming] Objective nullified by mutual agreement with Wyoming.
- Ongoing work with basin water users.

LFD Narrative:

FD ASSESSMENT: Progress Report Needed

APPROPRIATION STATUS: Appropriation and expenditure data were not provided. The legislature restricted this appropriation in HB 2. It should be simple for the agency to provide a status to the workgroup.

COMMENTS/ISSUES: The report states that the objective "Share information with Wyoming" has been nullified, the workgroup may want to know the details behind this decision.

OPTIONS: 1) Schedule an additional Report; 2) Upgrade to on track and dismiss



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Change Description
Added LFD Narrative, inserted goal
Workgroup Update